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REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated September 13, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 13, 2006. Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the above noted amendments and the following remarks in response to the Office Action.

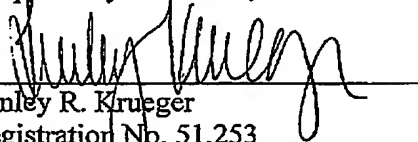
Applicants have amended claim 1. Support for such amendment may be found in at least original claim 52 and paragraphs 5, 11 and 20. Further, while claims 52-53 were previously restricted, Applicants respectfully request examination of claim 52, along with amended claim 1 as they would be encompassed by the same search.

CLAIM REJECTIONS:

Claims 1-3, 26-28 and 50-51 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Japanese Patent No. 64-47878 ('878). Claims 4-15, 19-21, 23-25, 29-40 and 44-49 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over '878. Claim 22 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over '878 in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,007,761 (*Nakagawa*). Claims 1-21 and 23-51 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant's Admitted Prior Art in view of '878. Claim 22 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant's Admitted Prior Art in view of '878 and further in view of *Nakagawa*.

As discussed in the interview, the references of record, neither alone nor in combination, teach, show or suggest the features of the amended claims. Having addressed all issues set out in the Office Action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request the same.

Respectfully submitted,



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